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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36 of the Second Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor Bishop J. Terry Steib for his
outstanding service to the city of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those people who through their enormous talents, richness of spirit, and faith in God have served and continue to perform with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Bishop J. Terry Steib is one such model citizen and religious leader who through his countless good works, specifically in support of education in Memphis, has served to give hope to this state's most treasured natural resource, our children; and

WHEREAS, born in Vacherie, Louisiana to Rosemond and Vivian Jones Steib, Bishop Steib began his college studies at the Divine Word Seminary in Conesus, New York in 1959 and his Philosophical studies at the Divine Word Seminary in Techny, Illinois in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Steib began his post-graduate studies in Theology in 1963 at the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi prior to his ordination to the priesthood by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Titular Bishop of Fallaba; and in 1993 Bishop Steib was installed as the Fourth Bishop of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable life as a servant of God, Bishop Steib has given of his time and prodigious talents as a Papal Delegate for the Synod of African Bishops; as an

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Episcopal Advisor for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul; as a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Church Extension Society, the Catholic University of America, the National Civil Rights Museum, Catholic Relief Services, and as a member of the NCCB Committee for African American Catholics, the USCC Domestic Policy Committee and the NCCB Pastoral Practices Committee; and

WHEREAS, J. Terry Steib's laudable efforts in the field of education have resulted in the Catholic Diocese's plans to reopen St. Augustine Elementary, Blessed Sacrament School, St. Joseph School, St. John School, St. Therese of the Little Flower School and Holy Names School, all elementary schools that have been part of Memphis's heritage for many years and are the foundation upon which the city's schools now rest; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Steib's vision for these "Jubilee Schools" is for them to be "beacons of light for those who need them most, to provide an opportunity for all children to experience the benefits of a faith-based education and assist in breaking the cycle of poverty" in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, in his address to the West Tennessee Diocese, Bishop Steib stated: "Ours is not simply to maintain what we have and encircle ourselves with the flimsy mantle of 'being better than' or with the ungodly attitudes of competitiveness and preference. Ours is to lead all of God's children towards the kingdom! Ours is to continue to be open to the movement of the Spirit as we move toward the new millennium with a new attitude as a "Fountain of Mercy, Wellspring of Grace"; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body should recognize those Tennesseans whose distinguished service to this state is deserving of praise and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Bishop J. Terry Steib for his unflagging support

of the young people of Memphis and salute him for his years of stalwart service to God and the Catholic faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.